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THE E-NEWSLETTER OF THE MEADOWLANDS ENVIRONMENT CENTER

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EDUCATIONAL NEWS



Staff at the Meadowlands Environment Center will present a summary of recent activities and plans for the future during the November meeting of the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission's board of commissioners.

Monday, November 21st
10:00 am
NJMC Commission Meeting Room

EVENTS AT THE CENTER



Mysterious Turtles

- Sunday, November 20th, 1:00 pm
- Ages: 5-7 years old accompanied by an adult

Why does a turtle's shell seem to be full of cracks? Where does a turtle go when winter comes? How does a turtle eat without any teeth? This program will help solve these mysteries surrounding this amazing animal, and many more. Children will get to meet our resident turtles and learn what makes them so unique. Included in the program is a turtle craft to take home. All materials will be provided. \$10 admits one child and one adult, \$5 for an additional participant; Members \$8 covers one adult and one child. Pre- Registration Required.

MEET THE STAFF

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**Dr. Victoria Madden - Project Director** serves as the liaison between Ramapo College of New Jersey and the Meadowlands Environment Center. Dr. Madden is a member of the New Jersey State Science assessment committee for NJASK, GEPA and HSPA. She also serves on the executive board of New Jersey Science Educators Leadership Association. Dr. Madden enjoys mucking through the Meadowlands with kids and their teachers and can be found in the field leading our archeological lessons.

**Kristen Crawford - Education Coordinator** is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Meadowlands Environment Center - it's educational program offerings, its public programming and the operation of the Center itself. Mrs. Crawford has been a science education specialist in River Edge, and has designed and implemented environmental education programs at the New York Aquarium, the Liberty Science Center, and the Norman Bird Sanctuary in Middletown, Rhode Island. *The staff congratulates the former Kristen Deckert on her recent marriage.*

## MEADOWLANDS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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Thank you to all of the volunteers who assisted at the annual "Halloween Party". The event would not have been a success without your hardwork, care and dedication.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity

- mdest05
- Meadowlands Exposition Center
- November 29-30

mdest05 is the travel industry conference and trade fair for the Meadowlands Liberty region. It is presented by Meadowlands Liberty convention & visitors bureau in collaboration with the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission and the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. Individuals interested in volunteering at this event should contact our volunteer coordinator.

[For additional information on the MVP program](#)

FLYWAY GALLERY

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### Art Association of Rutherford

- November 1st through November 28th

### Public reception

- Saturday, November 12th
- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- Meadowlands Environment Center lobby

[For more on this exhibit...](#)

## Quick Links...

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- [MEC Website](#)
- [MEC Schedule of Events Registration](#)
- [MEC School Program Registration](#)
- [MEC Media Center](#)
- [New Jersey Meadowlands Commission](#)

- [Ramapo College of New Jersey](#)
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